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SUBJECT: THE UNOFFICIAL CSCE OBSERVATION GROUP: PRESENT STATUS

REF: (A) MOSCOW 146, (B) MOSCOW 416

1. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD ABOUT THE PRESENT SITUATION OF THE THREE MEMBERS OF THE CSCE OBSERVATION GROUP WHOSE APARTMENTS WERE SEARCHED JAN 4 (REF A). ALEKSANDR GINZBURG IS STILL IN THE HOSPITAL AND HIS CONDITION IS REPORTEDLY QUITE BAD (IN ADDITION TO HIS PNEUMONIA, HE HAS LONG HAD ULCERS AND WAS IN FACT SCHEDULED FOR AN OPERATION ON THEM SOON). YURIY ORLOV HAS NOT BEEN SEVERLY HARASSED SINCE HIS LAST DETENTION. HE NOW GOES IN AND OUT OF HIS APARTMENT FREELY, ALTHOUGH THERE ARE KGB CARS IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING AND HE IS ALWAYS FOLLOWED. HE HAS NOT BEEN SUMMONED AGAIN TO THE MOSCOW PROCURATOR'S OFFICE. LYUDA ALEKSEYEVA WENT TO THE PROCURACY ON JAN 10. HER INTERVIEW WAS APPARENTLY INCONCLUSIVE. WE GATHER THAT SHE AGAIN REFUSED TO SIGN THE PROTOCOL. SHE TOO HAS NOT BEEN SUMMONED SINCE.

2. THE CSCE GROUP MEMBERS ARE REPORTEDLY CONFIDENTIAL.

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CONCERNED AT THE POSSIBILITIES WHICH THE METRO EXPLOSION (REF B) OPEN UP. NONE OF THE GROUP MEMBERS, AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THINKS THAT THE INCIDENT WAS THE WORK OF THE KGB, ALTHOUGH THEY REPORTEDLY FEEL THAT THE SECURITY AUTHORITIES WILL BE ONLY TOO HAPPY TO TRY AND USE IT TO CRACK DOWN ON THE DISSIDENTS. GINZBURG'S WIFE FEELS RELIEVED THAT HER HUSBAND WAS SO SICK

BEFORE THE INCIDENT THAT IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO CHARGE HIM WITH INVOLVEMENT IN THE INCIDENT. (GINZBURG WAS DRIVEN TO THE HOSPITAL BY A WESTERN JOURNALIST, RESIDENT IN MOSCOW, BEFORE THE EXPLOSION TOOK PLACE.) TOON

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